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<u>CLAIMS</u>

1. A method for producing viable speech rendition of text comprising the steps of:
parsing a sentence into a plurality of words and punctuation;
comparing each word to a list of pre-recorded words;

dividing a word not found on the list of pre-recorded words into a plurality of diphones, and combining sound files corresponding to the plurality of diphones; and playing a sound file corresponding to each word.

- 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of adding inflection to at least one word of the sentence in accordance with punctuation of the sentence.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of dividing the word into a plurality of diphones is accomplished by comparing combinations of letters in the word to a database of diphones.

A method for producing viable speech rendition of text comprising the steps of:

parsing a sentence into a plurality of words and punctuation;

dividing each word into a plurality of diphones;

combining sound files corresponding to the plurality of diphones; and

playing a sound file corresponding to the word.

- 5. The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of adding inflection to the word in accordance with the punctuation of the sentence.
- 6. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of dividing the word into a plurality of diphones is accomplished by comparing combinations of letters in the word to a database of diphones.